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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

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1. CHARGE DISCUSSED PLANS FOR HARTMAN VISIT WITH NOVOTNY (ACTING HEAD SIXTH DEPT) OCT 3. TWO POSSIBLE CHANGES IN SCHEDULE ARE BEING CONSIDERED. FIRST, HOSTS WISH TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE JAKUBEC AT 1000 THURS OCT 9. SECOND, IT NOW APPEARS FONMIN CHNOUPEK MAY BE BACK EARLIER FROM UNGA THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT, AND HE MAY SEE ASSISTANT SECRETARY AT 1600 OCT 9 (RATHER THAN FIRST DEPUTY FONMIN KRAJCIR'S SEEING HIM AS NOW SCHEDULED). (FYI THERE ARE MANY RUMORS GOING AROUND HERE THAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, SEVERAL TIMES SUPPOSEDLY POSTPONED, WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK OR SOON THEREAFTER. RUMORS HAVE IT THAT MAIN AGENDA ITEM IS AGRICULTURE BUT PERSONNEL CHANGES COULD BE TAKEN UP. THIS COULD BE ONE REASON FOR EARLY CHNOUPEK RETURN, IF TRUE.) NOVOTNY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIMIN ZAHRADNIK SET FOR 1700 OCT 9.

2. IF THESE CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED, SCHEDULE FOR OCT 9 WOULD NOW BE: 1000: JAKUBEC (FORN TRADE); 1200: MFA LUNCH FOLLOWED BY TALKS; 1600: EITHER CHNOUPEK OR KRAJCIR; 1700: ZAHRADNIK (DEPUTY PRIMIN); 1830: RECEPTION. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A BRUISING DAY, BUT IT IS TRUE THAT ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY WOULD NOT HAVE ANY COMMITMENTS OCT 8 RO 10.

CHARGE AVOIDED MAKING COMMITMENT ON JAKUBEC, SAYING THAT SCHEDULE WAS LOOKING VERY CROWDED. IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY PREFERS, WE COULD EASE AWAY FROM THAT COMMITMENT (SAYING THAT JAKUBEC WAS INVITED TO RECEPTION THAT EVENING AND THAT HARTMEN NEEDED SOME DAY TO VISIT EMBASSY THAT MORNING). EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CHAT WITH JAKUBEC WOULD NOT BE BAD IDEA, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO CROWD ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE BEYOND HIS WISHES. IF PREFERENCE IS NOT TO ACCEPT THIS APPOINTMENT, KINDLY LET US KNOW ASAP.

3. CHARGE RAISED WITH NOVOTNY HIS FRANK CONCERN THAT IF LUNCH OCT 9 WAS NOT TO BE WORKING LUNCH BUT INCLUDED LADIES, AND IF IT LASTED VERY LONG, THIS COULD LEAVE AS LITTLE AS ONE HOUR FOR SPACIL-HARTMAN TALKS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BREAK UP BY 3:40 AT LATEST. CHARGE WONDERED IF LADIES MIGHT NOT HAVE SEPARATE LUNCH, OR IF TALKS MIGHT NOT BEGIN BEFORE LUNCH (SPACIL AND ZANTOVSKY ARE NOW GETTING BACK FROM LONDON SOMEWHAT EARLIER OCT 9 THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED), OR IF AT LEAST LUNCH MIGHT BE MADE BRIEF SO AS TO GIVE AMPLE TIME FIXTALKS. NOVOTNY RECOGNIZED THAT ONE HOUR WOULD NOT SUFFICE, AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH SPACIL AND SEE HOW SCHEDULE MIGHT BE BEST SET.

4. WE WILL NOT DECLINE JAKUBEC UNLESS SO INSTRUCTED, BUT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, WOLL TURN DOWN ANY FURTHER ADDITIONS, LEAVING SCHEDULE AS IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
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